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SUBJECT:FINANCE COMMITTEE BRIEFING - TRADE BILL

FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM HOLTON.

1. AFTER CONVERSATIONS WITH CHAIRMAN LONG, WE SEEM TO HAVE
FOUND A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE COMMITTEE'S INSISTENCE
ON A PERSONAL BRIEFING FROM YOU.

2. IN OUR MEMORANDUM OF OCTOBER 21, WE RECOMMENDED THAT YOU
AUTHORIZE US TO WORK OUT A DATE FOR YOU TO APPEAR BEFORE
CHAIRMAN LONG'S SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE
RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT PROBLEM. THE
FACT THAT YOU WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE VERY TIME
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WHEN THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU APPEAR SEEMED TO

HAVE MADE THIS ACADEMIC. HOWEVER, YESTERDAY, COMMITTEE CHIEF OF STAFF TELEPHONED ME AND EMPHASIZED THAT ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE, THE COMMITTEE HAD IN FACT VOTED IN MARKUP TO HAVE YOU APPEAR, AND THAT THIS IS STILL THE DESIRE OF THE COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY SENATOR HARRY BYRD. THIS MORNING, AMBASSADOR EBERLE IN A CONVERSATION WITH LONG, EXPLAINED THAT YOUR TRIP WITH THE PRESIDENT WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO APPEAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RECESS.

LONG TOLD EBERLE THAT HE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO ARRANGE AN INFORMAL SESSION OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHO COULD GET TO WASHINGTON FOR THE SESSION, BETWEEN YOUR CURRENT TRIP AND THE DEPARTURE WITH THE PRESIDENT. LONG SAID THAT HE HAD TO PRESS AHEAD FOR SOME KIND OF A SESSION BECAUSE OF THE VOTE AND BYRD'S INSISTENCE THAT THE COMMITTEE ACTION BE FULFILLED. THEY WOULD WANT A REVIEW OF THE SOLUTION OF THE AGREEMENT AND US-SOVIET RELATIONS. LONG CONCLUDED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING DELAY THE TRADE BILL. EBERLE AND WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WE CANNOT REFUSE THE REQUEST WITHOUT A SERIOUS RISK THAT BYRD AND OTHERS MIGHT STALL ACTION ON IT UNTIL AFTER THE SESSION.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE US TO WORK OUT A TIME WITH YOUR OFFICE AND SENATOR LONG WHEN YOU COULD APPEAR FOR A BRIEF INFORMAL EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH 16.

APPROVE.

DISAPPROVE. INGERSOLL

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